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Manhattan Borough President Scott Stringer faces competition from Eliot Spitzer in the race for city comptroller. He is the second candidate featured in Metro's NYC Votes 2013 series. / BESS ADLER, METRO

Illegal guns seized in largest NYC yield ever

Fully automatic. Police seized 254 weapons in the bust, including a machine gun and high-capacity assault rifles. **State lines.** The weapons came from North Carolina and South Carolina, and Mayor Michael Bloomberg tried to tie them to the stop-and-frisk program. PAGE 07

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Quoted

"Scott Stringer has fought for affordable housing, to keep drugs off of our streets and give more opportunities to minority and women-owned businesses."

Former Gov. David Paterson



Scott Stringer poses with his wife, Elyse Buxbaum, their younger son Miles and their older son Max. The comptroller candidate greets voters in the Bronx. / BESS ADLER, METRO



Stringer tries to rise above political fray

Media circus.

The Manhattan borough president looked like a shoo-in for city comptroller — and then Eliot Spitzer entered the race.

Who is Scott Stringer?

The greatest challenge for the comptroller candidate running against scandal-sullied former Governor Eliot Spitzer thus far is name recognition.

Manhattan Borough President Scott Stringer has a lengthy political career — going all the way back to his appointment to a community board at the age of 16 — but his accomplishments have been largely overshadowed by the "Steamroller" Spitzer, made infamous when he was exposed in 2008 for soliciting prostitutes.

"Even when you start out as unpopular, right, as he is — 50 percent, 60 percent negative — people have to know who the alternative is," Stringer said.

But after endorsements

What to expect

Stringer has a plan to cut 400 million dollars that the pension fund pays out to wealthy managers and to allocate the savings to middle-class programs.

- One of the most important jobs is to get the city's five pension funds more aligned.

- Stringer proposed a reduction in fees and administrative costs in agencies to produce funds for more police officers and affordable housing.

- Stringer will push for comptroller involvement at the earliest stages of city contract development.

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Contenders

This is the second in a series of profiles that Metro will run on mayoral and comptroller candidates before the primary on Sept. 10.

from the New York Times, the New York Post and the New York Daily News, it appears Stringer may be edging his way into the spotlight.

"Today is a change in the campaign," he said Saturday morning, still grinning from the discov-

ery of the Times' and the Post's endorsements in that morning's papers.

Stringer has been lauded for revamping the office of the Manhattan Borough President.

"Nothing we've done as borough president is common," he said proudly, citing the work his office did to secure NYCHA elevator repairs after they discovered the elevators failed inspections 75 percent of the time, and in "whistle-blowing" on the Department of Education's use of outside consultants.

He has similar ambitions for the office of the comptroller, proposing to make the auditor-in-chief a more proactive role:

Voter's trust

"What's so offensive about Eliot, is he had that trust. ... People gave him their trust and their hope and he ruined it." Scott Stringer

produced reams of reports — at least 50, he said — on economic policy, but on the campaign trail interacting with voters he is excited, eager for conversation.

At a campaign stop with Bronx Borough President Ruben Diaz Jr. outside a Pathmark at Co-op City, Stringer is the rare politician that seeks out the talkative voter, rather than settling for a handshake and the promise of a vote.

A wiry, elderly African-American woman approached him and said, "I've always wanted to meet you."

The woman told him her last name is Stringer too, and repeated: "I always wanted to meet you — always."

With the assurance of her vote, Stringer headed back to his car, where Frank, a volunteer driver with questionable navigational skills, was about to take him along a very scenic route back to Manhattan by way of Rye, N.Y.



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Hospital closures take the stage at mayoral events

Election 2013.

Dueling rallies got heated when a man slapped a state senator and campaign intern.



George Capsis, left, yells at Quinn supporters before slapping state Sen. Brad Hoylman, center. / ANNA SANDERS, METRO

Hospital closures were pushed to the forefront Monday as activists and politicians rallied for and against candidates outside the site where St. Vincent's Hospital is being converted into luxury condos.

In an exchange with supporters of City Council Speaker Christine Quinn, one man slapped state Sen. Brad Hoylman and a campaign intern.

"I have so much pent-up anger," said George Capsis after the incident. He said his wife died recently in a Bronx hospital. If St. Vincent's hadn't closed, Capsis said he could have

Hot-button issue

Rallies for Christine Quinn and Bill de Blasio took place outside of closed St. Vincent's Hospital.

- A man slapped state Sen. Brad Hoylman and a Quinn campaign intern at the event.

spent more time with her.

Even after being slapped, Hoylman, who represents the West Village, continued to contrast Quinn's record with Public Advocate Bill de Blasio.

"It's one thing to show up at rallies and wave placards, and it's another one to actually get stuff done," Hoylman said.

De Blasio, who is also

running for mayor, denied that he was using hospital closures to gain traction in the election.

Civil rights activist Harry Belafonte and actresses Susan Sarandon and Cynthia Nixon joined the rally in support of de Blasio.

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NYPD. Interracial couple attacked in possible hate crime

Police are investigating an assault on an interracial couple in Long Island City early Saturday morning as a possible hate crime.

Billie and Jacob James-Vogel say they were leaving a restaurant on Centre Boulevard at about 1:30 a.m. with their gay friend when they were attacked by three men who shouted racial and homophobic slurs at them, NY1 reported.

Jacob told NY1 that he was repeatedly hit in the face and pushed to the ground. Billie said she was also thrown to the ground, broke her toe and banged her head, all while the attackers shouted the "N-word" and "F-word."

Police have arrested Nikolaos Katsos, 28, and charged him with assault and harassment. They are still searching for the other assailants, according to NY1. **LAURA SHIN**

East New York

Brooklyn man dies after being shot in car

A young man was killed in Brooklyn Sunday, police reported.

Dominique Garcia,

22, was in a car with his brother when they encountered a group of people, cops said.

Police said someone fired into the car.

Garcia was shot once in the head, police said.

DANIELLE TCHOLAKIAN

Officials release report on Sandy rebuilding



The report will help cities protect against future storms. / GETTY IMAGES

Climate change.

The plan will serve as a model for communities after future storms.

Ten months after super-storm Sandy, city and federal officials announced the release of a rebuilding strategy Monday that they hope will serve as a model for communities like New York facing increased risk from extreme weather due to climate change.

The report, released by the federal Hurricane Sandy Rebuilding Task Force, includes 69 policy recommendations aimed at aligning local plans with federal funding. Standing on a rooftop in Newtown Creek, which flooded parts of Brooklyn and Queens amid Sandy's storm surge,

Mayor Michael Bloomberg praised resiliency proposals detailed by the report.

"It sets out what we all need to do at every level of government — not simply to rebuild what Sandy destroyed, but to repair our region," Bloomberg said.

The city currently working with the Army Corps of Engineers to develop storm barriers along Newtown and other vulnerable areas.

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The NYPD seized 254 guns, including assault rifles, a machine gun and many handguns, Police Commissioner Ray Kelly said. / DANIELLE TCHOLAKIAN, METRO

Police make largest gun seizure ever

Big bust. A lone undercover NYPD officer broke the case that led to the arrests.

Top city officials and law enforcement announced on Monday the largest gun seizure on record in New York City history.

Among the 254 guns seized were high-capacity assault weapons, a fully automatic machine gun and many handguns, which are the models most commonly used in violent crimes in New York.

Mayor Michael Bloomberg took the opportunity to defend stop-and-frisk, the controversial police practice that has come under scrutiny over the past week after a federal court declared the NYPD's methods of conducting stops unconstitutional and discriminatory.

The mayor noted the stops have produced 8,000 guns.

Furthermore, authorities said that one of the 19 individuals who were arrested as part of this in-

Off the streets

Police Commissioner Ray Kelly and Mayor Michael Bloomberg announced the largest gun seizure in the city's history on Monday.

- More than 250 guns were seized.

- The weapons came from North Carolina and South Carolina.

- Mayor Bloomberg used the event to try and defend the controversial stop-and-frisk program.

Still a problem

Year after year guns flow into our city from states that don't have commonsense gun laws.

Mayor Michael Bloomberg

North Carolina and South Carolina were second and third on the top-ten list of states guns used in city crime were traced to in 2011, with 255 guns traced to North Carolina and 251 to South Carolina.

Both states have private sale loopholes, which allow private dealers to skip background checks.



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Summer recess

Lawmakers travel the world on lobbyists' tab

U.S. lawmakers are once again taking advantage of their summer recess to race around the globe on privately financed tours to places like China, the Middle East and Scotland — trips watchdog groups cite as evidence that congressional ethics reforms are unraveling.

Critics of such trips say it is unseemly for members of the House and Senate to take trips bankrolled by people and organizations with specific legislative desires.

"It's money well spent by lobbying groups, but for the American public, there is no benefit," said Craig Holman, a lobbyist for the consumer group Public Citizen. **REUTERS**

Canadian born

Senator Cruz releases birth certificate amid talk of 2016 run

Sen. Ted Cruz, a Texas Republican who some are speculating may run for president in 2016, has released his birth certificate, showing that he was born in Canada to an American mother, the Dallas Morning News reported yesterday.

The move came after President Barack Obama faced intense scrutiny about his eligibility to be president. Born in 1961 to an American mother and Kenyan father, Obama's birth certificate says he was born in Hawaii.

The constitution says that only natural born citizens are eligible to become president. Some interpret that to mean born in the U.S., while others say it includes being born to American parents. **REUTERS**

New Jersey bans gay conversion therapy



Gov. Chris Christie signed a bill making New Jersey the second state to outlaw conversion therapy for people under age 18. / GETTY IMAGES

Quoted

"Whenever a governor of his stature signs a bill like this, it sends a message, not just to the nation but to the individual child that you are normal and as God made you." McGreevey

Talk therapy.

Opponents of the law have promised a legal fight as well.

New Jersey Republican Gov. Chris Christie yesterday signed into law a measure to prevent therapists from counseling gay and lesbian youths to change their sexual orientation, making his state the second to ban so-called conversion therapy.

The state senate approved the measure in June, putting it on the desk of Christie, who is widely considered a White House contender for the Republican Party in 2016.

Citing medical and psychiatric research that sexual orientation is determined at birth, the law bans state-licensed counselors, therapists and social

workers from practicing a method of talk therapy that opponents have said is deeply damaging to the self-esteem and identity of gay youths.

Christie said he was signing the legislation based on research that found "efforts to change sexual orientation can pose critical health risks, including, but not limited to, depression, substance abuse, social withdrawal, decreased self-esteem and suicidal thoughts."

But he said he still had "concerns about government limiting parental choice on the care and treatment of their own children."

Former Gov. Jim McGreevey, who stepped down from office in 2004 in a gay sex scandal, praised the measure, saying it was based in "sound psychiatric research." **REUTERS**

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False alarm. Town in Connecticut warned of pending terror attack

The citizens of Old Saybrook, Conn., got quite a shock Sunday afternoon when a recorded message broadcast over the Emergency Management Public Address system told them to seek shelter from a terrorist attack to come.

Shortly after, the town sent Reverse 911 calls to residents telling them there was no terrorist attack and apologizing for the error.

Town officials are now investigating how a dispatcher triggered the alert.

"It was a mistake, and I assume measures will be taken so that mistake does not happen again," First Selectman Carl Fortuna Jr. told the Associated Press.

According to Fire Chief John Dunn, steps have already been taken to prevent the possibility of a future false activation.

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Surfer bit

Shark bites teen along Hawaii's Big Island

A 16-year-old boy surfing along the eastern shore of Hawaii's Big Island was bitten in the legs by a shark over the weekend in the second such attack

in the state in less than a week, authorities said.

The boy was flown by helicopter to the Hilo Medical Center, and was listed in satisfactory condition on Sunday night, said William Aila, chairman of the state Department of Land and Natural Resources. **REUTERS**

Study: BPA, DEHP tied to kids' weight, diabetes risk

CDC. About one in six U.S. children and teenagers is obese.

Children exposed to two chemicals commonly used in food packaging are more likely to be obese or show signs of diabetes precursors than those with lower exposure, research suggests.

Researchers found urine levels of one type of phthalate, used to soften plastic, were tied to a higher risk of insulin resistance among teenagers.

Based on data from the same large nutrition survey, another study group linked bisphenol A, or BPA — used to line aluminum cans — to obesity and larger waists in youth.

"Clearly, unhealthy diet and lack of physical activity are the drivers of this epidemic ... but, increasingly,



More than one-third of U.S. children are overweight or obese — a proportion that has tripled over the last 30 years, according to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. / GETTY IMAGES

DEHP

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DEHP is often used to soften plastic bottles. It's used in plastic that is printed with the number 3 for recycling.

environmental chemicals are being identified as possible contributors," Dr. Leonardo Trasande, a New

York University pediatrician, said.

He and his colleagues analyzed data from a nationally representative health and nutrition survey run from 2003 to 2008, which included urine and blood tests for 766 adolescents aged 12 to 19.

They found urinary levels of one particular type of phthalate, Di-2-ethylhex-

ylphthalate, or DEHP, were closely tied to a teenager's chance of having insulin resistance, a diabetes precursor.

Slightly less than 15 percent of study participants with the lowest one-third of DEHP levels were insulin resistant, compared to almost 22 percent of those with the highest levels. **REUTERS**



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"I can't tell you how much enthusiasm there is for what we're doing," Joie Chen, former CNN and CBS news anchor, told Metro from New York. Chen is just one of an all-star team assembled by AJA — backed by the endless wealth of owners the Qatari royal family — and in many cases poached from rivals.

The channel will occupy a more serious niche, according to acting CEO Ehab Al Shihabi. **LENYON WHITAKER**

Snowden journalist to publish UK secrets after Britain detains partner



Activists pose with masks of Edward Snowden during a public hearing of Brazil-based Guardian reporter Glenn Greenwald, at the Brazilian Senate's foreign relations committee, on Aug. 6.

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White House

US did not seek detention of Miranda

U.S. officials did not ask the British government to question the partner of the journalist who first

reported secrets leaked by Edward Snowden, the White House said.

British authorities did, however, give their U.S. counterparts a "heads up" before detaining the partner of American journalist Glenn Greenwald,

Brazilian David Miranda, the White House said.

"This was a decision that they made on their own, and not at the request of the United States," White House spokesman Josh Earnest told reporters at a briefing.

Unjustified. Brazil's government complained about the detention.

The journalist who first published secrets leaked by fugitive former U.S. intelligence agency contractor Edward Snowden vowed yesterday to publish more documents and said Britain will be "sorry" for detaining his partner for nine hours.

British authorities used anti-terrorism laws on Sunday to detain David Miranda, partner of U.S. journalist Glenn Greenwald, as he passed through London's Heathrow Airport.

Miranda, 28, a Brazilian citizen, said he was questioned for nine hours before being released without charge, minus his laptop, cell phone and memory sticks, which were seized.

Greenwald, a columnist for Britain's The Guardian newspaper who is based in Rio de Janeiro, said the detention was an attempt to intimidate him for publishing documents leaked by Snowden disclosing U.S. surveillance of global internet communications.

Snowden, who has been granted asylum by Russia, gave Greenwald from 15,000 to 20,000 documents with details of the U.S. National Security Agency's surveillance programs.

"I will be far more aggressive in my reporting from now. I am going to publish many more documents. I am going to publish things on England, too. I have many documents on England's spy system. I think they will be sorry for what they did," Greenwald, speaking in Portuguese, told reporters at Rio's airport, where he met Miranda upon his return to Brazil. **REUTERS**

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Egypt's former leader Mubarak may be freed

Within a week.

A court rules that the toppled leader cannot be held in custody any more.

Egypt's former leader Hosni Mubarak could soon be freed from jail, giving a new jolt to a nation in turmoil, after a court ruled yesterday that he could no longer be held in custody on a corruption charge.

His lawyer said he could be released within days, six weeks after the armed forces Mubarak once commanded deposed his elected Islamist successor to spark the bloodiest internal conflict in the modern history of the most populous Arab state.

The army detained President Mohamed Morsi on July 3 after huge protests against him. It has since cracked down on his Muslim Brotherhood. Among hundreds of casualties, dozens of security personnel have died, including 24 policemen killed by suspected Islamists near the border



Mubarak / GETTY IMAGES

of Israel yesterday.

At 85, Mubarak may have no political future, but his release could stir emotions and raise new questions on whether the popular uprising that ended his 30-year rule in February 2011 is lead-

ing back simply to a new form of military-backed government.

Arrested two years ago as talk of democracy swept the Arab world, the former strongman appeared in a courtroom cage at a trial in which he was convicted of complicity in the murder of protesters. In January, Egypt's highest court ordered a retrial.

After Monday's court ruling, the only legal grounds for Mubarak's continued detention rest on another corruption case which his lawyer, Fareed el-Deeb, said would be settled swiftly. **REUTERS**

'Violent acts'

Prosecutor detains Morsi for 15 days

Egypt's public prosecutor ordered yesterday the detention of deposed President Mohamed Morsi for 15 days pending an investigation into allegations he participated in "violent acts," state news agency MENA said.

On Aug. 15 Egyptian

judicial authorities extended Morsi's detention period for 30 days in a separate case.

Morsi, who was overthrown by the army on July 3, is being held at an undisclosed location on allegations of murder and spying. The new case centers on protests that took place in front of the presidential palace last December, MENA said.



By the numbers

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About 40 people on average die every day on India's vast but decrepit railway network.

Mob torches train after fatal collision

A train killed at least 34 people crossing a railway track in eastern India yesterday, triggering a protest by passengers who beat the driver unconscious, attacked other staff and torched a carriage, officials and media said. **REUTERS** / GETTY IMAGES

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Twitter feed

We check in with some of Hollywood's biggest names to see what they've been up to — in their own words, in 140 characters or fewer.

Today, Lena Dunham is considering the source, Mindy Kaling knows what she likes, Rebel Wilson likes her odds and Steve Martin is relying on auto-correct.

@lenadunham: The only insults I will ever take seriously on twitter are from gay teenagers

@mindykaling: A thirty-five year old Carl Reiner will do just fine, thanks

@RebelWilson: Read in an article that my show has a 26.3% chance of surviving...um, I had a .03% chance of mounting @channingtatum and I already did that!

@SteveMartinToGo: Without auto-correct, I am Nottingham.



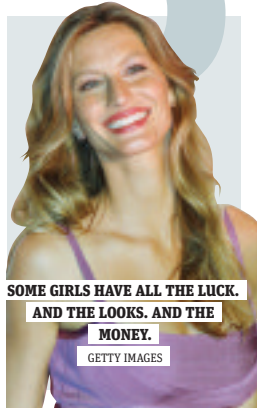
Ready or not, Gaga is back in action

After a yearlong absence from the public eye due to a broken hip, get ready to see a lot more of Lady Gaga in the coming weeks and months as she promotes her new single "Applause." Here she is yesterday outside of "Good Morning America" in New York City. Next up? Sunday's "MTV Video Music Awards," which will be filmed in Brooklyn. / FILMMAGIC

Bundchen makes bank in 2013

It pays to be Gisele Bundchen. The leggy Brazilian is the highest-paid model in the world, with a \$42 million paycheck this year, according to Forbes. Next on the list is Miranda Kerr, who earned \$7.2 million, and Adriana Lima, with \$6 million.

The windfall comes mostly from Bundchen's stake in Brazilian footwear company Grendene. So don't hate her because she's beautiful. Hate her because she's filthy rich and beautiful.



SOME GIRLS HAVE ALL THE LUCK. AND THE LOOKS. AND THE MONEY. GETTY IMAGES

THE WORD

Dorothy Robinson takes on the world of gossip.

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Prince William rehearsed putting George in his car seat

You were probably very impressed with Prince George's departure from the hospital. "Very smooth, very 007," you no doubt thought as his father Prince William exited the building, snapped George's car seat into place on the first try, and drove off.

Well, if it makes you feel any better, that apparently spontaneous moment of triumphant dad skills was carefully

rehearsed.

"Believe, me it wasn't my first time," William told CNN of the car seat moment. "I know there's been some speculation about that. I had to practice, I really did — I was terrified it was going to fall off or the door wasn't going to close properly." *Metro/MT*

Demi Lovato: A role on 'Glee' and the Internet

Monday held a few ups and downs for Demi Lovato.

Let's start with the downs. Radar Online reported that someone is trying to sell nude shots of "The X-Factor" host. Although Radar claims the photos of the dark-haired woman are "identical" to Lovato — including the same tattoos — they aren't going to purchase them for our horny consumption. "These are Demi. The collection I have show some nude, including face, some including parts of the body Demi is known for — tattoos, butt, chin. Then, I have pictures of her getting rowdy," the shadowy figure says to the site.

But behind every nude-photo storm there is a guest-starring



DEMI LOVATO
FOX VIA GETTY IMAGES

rainbow! That's the expression, right? Anyway, it was announced yesterday that Lovato will be appearing on the next season of "Glee" as Rachel Berry's friend. "I just heard the news! Excited to sing w you girl!" tweeted Adam Lambert, who joined the show earlier this summer.

So in both cases, we can safely assume that we'll be seeing a lot more of Lovato in the coming months.

Talking points



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MacFarlane's new lady love

Seth MacFarlane has a new lady in his life. The "Family Guy" creator and controversial Oscar host is reportedly dating "Pitch Perfect" star Alexis Knapp, according to People magazine. "They've known each other and have been friends for years," a source says. "She's very bright and loves science like him. She's down-to-earth and sweet."

Did Casper Smart spill the beans?

Jennifer Lopez's boyfriend, Casper Smart, might have beat the "American Idol" bosses to the punch about news that Lopez will be returning as a judge for the reality competition in January. When asked by E! News if she would be back for the upcoming season, Smart gave a

simple "yes," though no official word has gone out from the network or producers. Sources close to the show say a deal is close to being finalized, but maybe Smart knows something they don't.



CALVIN HARRIS
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Being a DJ can really pay

Being a DJ can be a pretty sweet gig, if Forbes magazine's list of the highest-paid mixers is any indication. Producer and songwriter Calvin Harris, who has worked with the likes of Rihanna and recently signed a two-year deal with Las Vegas club Hakkasan, tops the list, earning \$46 million this year. "The rise of dance music has been astronomical in the last three years," Harris says. "I happened to be in the right place at the right time." Even former "Jersey Shore" star Pauly D is raking it in, taking home \$13 million. Not too shabby.



Chloe Moretz and Aaron Taylor-Johnson reprise their roles in the second "Kick-Ass." / NBC, NBC NEWSWIRE

Back to brass tacks

Interview. Chloe Moretz and Aaron Taylor-Johnson discuss their reservations.

Every even moderately successful film — which would include "Kick-Ass," which underperformed back in 2010 — gets a sequel. But for the film's young stars, doing the second one had to be about more than chasing dollars.

"We had to find a reason to even come back here," says Chloe Moretz, who returns as a 15-year-old purple-haired little girl vigilante Hit-Girl.

"What did we not see in the first film that we should see in the second? You saw Hit-Girl but you never saw Mindy Macready [her real self]. You never saw the girl behind the mask."

In the film, Hit-Girl/Macready, whose father (Nicolas Cage) died late in the first, is forced to ditch her persona by guardian (Morris Chestnutt) and actually start going to school. Her new issues involve no longer being sure who she is.

"She watched her father burn in front of her and held him in his last

All in a day's work

The toughest scene

"I think the scene I got most beat up during was with the van," Moretz explains. "The hydraulics in the car were shaking so much that my rib cage was purple and blue. At one point they whipped too hard and I went sideways and the door shoved in. I couldn't breathe," she says — with a laugh.

moment," Moretz explains. "But she doesn't have anyone looking out for her except [Chestnutt's character] — and he's a cop, the opposite of who she is. She doesn't know what she's doing."

For Aaron Taylor-Johnson, reprising the titular role of the high schooler who starts a trend toward regular people dressing up as makeshift crime-fighters, the challenges were returning to any character at all.

"I like to do a character, erase it and go do something else," he says. "To go back to something and try to make it feel like the same person is a

lot harder than it seems. Just getting back to that personality, the essence of that character — it did mess with my head a little bit."

Taylor-Johnson has changed dramatically in the last three years. For one he has a new compound surname: He took the name of his wife, filmmaker Sam Taylor, who directed him as John Lennon in "Nowhere Boy." They now have two kids. Playing a teenager again proved odd, although not as difficult as the horseplay.

"There's a lot more fight scenes in this movie," he says. "I did more training: MMA, boxing, things like that. You just naturally wind up getting properly into shape. Then I'd go onto set and Chloe would kick the s— out of me."

The same difficulties plagued Moretz, particularly a one-on-one with a movie-stealing Amazonian baddie named Mother Russia (Olga Kurkulina).

"We wanted it to be realistic — seeing how much she could fight back. How could this tiny little martial artist crazy whiny girl realistically fight back without being killed?" Moretz asks. "Obviously we fudged a lot of stuff. She isn't a superhero. She's a 15-year-old girl."



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The "Mortal Instruments: City of Bones" star is getting used to a life of travel promoting his latest franchise.

LIFE ON THE ROAD

Jamie Campbell Bower is no stranger to movies based on wildly successful book series, having popped up in the "Harry Potter" and "Twilight" worlds. But with "The Mortal Instruments: City of Bones," he's putting in more hours — and getting more camera time — than before. That means he's also up for far more time publicizing the film, as he's learned on his seven-week international press tour. The actor plays Jace Wayland, a half-angel demon-hunter and love interest for Clary Fray (Lily Collins) in the franchise's

first installment.

You've been on a seven-week press tour. Have you defaulted to just going wherever people tell you to at this point without asking too many questions?

It's sort of what I do for a living, as well. I'm told what to say and where to stand, so my life's pretty easy. [Laughs] Ninety-nine percent of my job is just turning up.

You don't get much time in all those countries, though, do you?

No. Someone said, "What are you going to

do in Oslo?" And I was like, "Probably do some interviews and see the inside of a hotel, do the premiere and then f— off." That's about as much as I'm going to be able to do.

If you magically have time to relax on a tour stop, what's the first thing you do?

Try the local food, get out of bed. I used to be a big one for when I got somewhere I would just get into bed and pass out no matter what time it was because I'd be tired, but you don't

have to do that. You can pull yourself out and just walk around. Take pictures, do something unexpected.

What's your secret for combating jet lag?

I always set my watch to the time that I'm going to literally when I get on the plane, so if it's a long haul I can pass out at their time, or at least try to. Or another great thing, particularly, if anyone is traveling to the U.S., don't sleep the night before and take the first plane. Because then you sleep on the plane.

On fans

Surely you're used to the rabidity of fans for this kind of franchise by now.

Well ... the word "fan" is an abbreviation of the word "fanatic." [Laughs] Look, I'm really aware and I'm really grateful for the fact that without the people who read the books, I wouldn't be sitting here talking to you. So they deserve my time. They deserve five minutes if they come up to me on the street, they deserve

five minutes if I'm doing a signing or just to say hi. I think that's a really important lesson to be aware of.

[Note: Just after Campbell Bower said this, a pair of fans who'd infiltrated the interview area asked him for a photo. He politely explained that it wasn't a good time.]



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'Forever Tango' sizzles onstage

Review. For a spicy date night of sultry dance, don't miss Luis Bravo's "Forever Tango."

Luis Bravo directs the Broadway revival of "Forever Tango," and he also plays the cello in its superb musical ensemble. The parade of sultry couples, who range from "ladies of the evening" and their suave johns to much more upscale personalities, is borne aloft by the strings, bandoneons and piano; a singer either strolls among the dancers or cuddles the mic like a squat Sinatra, amplifying the themes of love and loss made visible on the stage.

Karina Smirnoff and Maksim Chmerkovskiy, guest dancers from

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Ukraine, drew cheers from the packed house every time they appeared in a limited run that ended Aug. 18. Their stint on "Dancing with the Stars" made them feel like almost family to tango fans, which created a great buzz around early ticket sales.

The rest of the dancers hail from Argentina; the men are

mostly blocky and swivel-hipped, mobsters on holiday. The women dress to impress in velvety, glittery garments that reveal erogenous zones and carry the eye down bare legs to darting feet. The men reveal nothing; the women, everything.

The show carves a narrow path through the history and richness of this dance form, showing us nothing of its all-male, gaucho origins or the skills of mature couples who have made other tango exhibitions so rich and various.

If you aspire to a glamorous, sophisticated lifestyle, try this: Put down the \$18 artisanal cocktails, save your money and take tango lessons. But first, buy a ticket to this show.

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"Dancing with the Stars" duo Karina Smirnoff and Maksim Chmerkovskiy kicked off this sexy and dramatic revival. / WALTER MCBRIDE

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A 'delicious' story from a difficult era

Fiction. A young slave disguises himself as a girl and crosses paths with historical legends.

James McBride's new novel, "The Good Lord Bird," which is out today, is his second in a row to explore the issue of slavery in the years just prior to the Civil War. It was while researching his last book, "Song Yet Sung," that he became fascinated with the story of the abolitionist John Brown, who led the violent slave insurrection at Harpers Ferry, W.Va.

"I'd heard John Brown's name many times in the past but never really quite knew who he was," McBride says. "When I started to research him, I became

fascinated with his story. The challenge was to find a way to write about him that was interesting and funny."

Given the dark subject matter of the time period and of Brown's tragic final days, the humor is the most surprising element of "The Good Lord Bird." The story is told through the eyes of Onion, a young slave boy who becomes a part of Brown's crew under the mistaken assumption that he's a girl. Over the next few years, he crosses paths with luminaries like Harriet Tubman and Frederick Douglass, the latter depicted making drunken advances on the disguised Onion.

"My approach is to make fun of everybody," McBride explains. "In real life, I admire Frederick Douglass. He was a great man, but he was flawed as well. The people who

built this country weren't gods. They were flawed people, and you often wonder if the women in their lives had the chance to write the stories of these men, how their account would read."

McBride himself was surprised at the opportunities for satire afforded by Onion's disguise.

"The business of identity — self-identity, inner-identity — always drives the outer story," he says. "I wanted Onion's identity issues to be strong enough to push him to freedom at the end of the book. I really didn't consider all of the factors that would go into this character playing a girl at the outset; I just thought it was funny. Then as the book evolved and he got into these situations where he had to pretend to be a girl, it thickened the plot and just became delicious."

In the end, McBride



Author James McBride's historical tale focuses on abolitionist John Brown's drive to end slavery. / CHIA MESSINA

came to admire his subject, despite the misguided violence of some of his actions.

"I think John Brown was one of the greatest Americans that ever set foot in this land. John Brown was a man who represented an ideal and was willing to die for it. He was way ahead of his time."

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History

'A complicated web' of slavery

Onion's experiences allow McBride to depict a complex view of slavery, one that in some ways is more comfortable than the hardships found in the fight for freedom. "Slavery was a complicated web

of relationships," he explains. "In many ways, masters were as dependent on their slaves as their slaves were upon them. Most slaves went to bed and got up in the morning dreaming of freedom, but that doesn't mean a lot of them really knew what that word meant."

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You've likely seen the face a hundred times — the scrunchy, squinty, scowly little ball of fur the world has come to know as Grumpy Cat (real name: Tardar Sauce). Owners Tabatha Bundesen and her brother Bryan posted a photo of her on Reddit in September 2012, and Grumpy Cat was born. Almost overnight, she rose to worldwide stardom as her perpetually grumpy expression launched countless Internet memes. Grumpy Cat now has more than a million Facebook and Twitter followers, a contract with Friskies, a calendar, a soon-to-be iced coffee line called Grumpuccino as well as a new book, "Grumpy Cat: A Grumpy Book." The author (who is a real sour puss) meowed to Metro about her newfound fame and publishing success.

Congratulations on your newly published book "Grumpy Cat: A Grumpy Book." What do you think of making it onto The New York Times' best-seller list?

I wrote a book once. It was so awful it hit The New York Times' best-seller list. Meh. Did I mention it was awful?

How do you feel about being a household name

and having your photo everywhere?

The best part about being a household name is that my humans have been able to help support animal shelters. You should check out your local animal shelter. There are many pets that need homes, and they also offer low-cost spay and neuter programs.

What do you think of the new royal baby Prince George? Any words of wisdom for a fellow overnight celebrity?

Prince William and Kate should read "Grumpy Cat: A Grumpy Book" to Prince George over and over to make sure he can handle royal life. I'd say be grumpy to keep the people away, but that obviously doesn't work.

Have you considered the next move in your career? Are politics in your future?

The next move? Bed. Bed sounds like a great idea. [Yawn] Coffee and movies are the next step! Look for Grumpy Cat Grumpuccino and stay tuned for the Grumpy Cat movie to come out! I'll leave politics to the politicians, as they obviously need more practice.



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Owners

Feline dwarfism

"Feline dwarfism is a condition caused by a genetic mutation. She wasn't bred to be a dwarf cat, and her parents were both average-sized cats," said owner Tabatha Bundesen. "She is normal and healthy, according to the vet, but she does move a bit slower and her back

legs are less flexible than typical cats." Tabatha also says that Grumpy Cat's facade is an act. "She is a sweet, loving little fur ball and likes attention and being held. She is super calm and never gets scared like many cats. Fame hasn't changed her at all, and she is generally indifferent to the added attention," she notes.

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Beyond tacos and tequila

Destinations. A world of culinary delights awaits in our neighbor to the south.

When one thinks of Mexican food, a number of Americanized staples almost certainly come to mind. Tacos, enchiladas, burritos and, of course, tequila — these are items many first-time visitors to Mexico City would likely expect to find on most menus. And, yes, the city's eateries offer their fair share of traditional Mexican cuisine.

But what first-time visitors to the increasingly more gentrified city might be surprised to learn is that Mexico City's culinary scene is as diverse and dynamic as the city itself. Mexico City seems poised on a threshold, with roots in traditions both old and new.

The topic of tequila, for example, is sure to spark lively discussion — and strong opinions — among natives. Old-timers are faithful

to the spirit, quick to expound upon its many virtues and to eschew its trendier cousin mezcal (a similar liquor distilled from the maguey plant, a form of agave), which the city's younger and hipper denizens have become enamored with of late. Entire bars dedicated to the spirit, which is similar to tequila but with a smokier flavor (and is becoming increasingly common on menus in U.S. cities as well), have sprung up in chichi areas of the city — ask an older Mexican gentleman, however, and he'll tell you it's just a passing fad.

The city's dining scene is similarly marked by old and new world flavors. Travelers who have dined in culinary meccas like New

York and Paris will feel at home in swiftly on-the-rise neighborhoods like Roma (Mexico City's answer to Williamsburg) where well-heeled, well-dressed young urbanites fill the sidewalk tables of hip restaurants and browse artsy (and often pricey) boutiques that would be right at home in one of the aforementioned metropolises.

For foodies traveling to Mexico City, we've rounded up a few must-hit restaurants at which both the food and the ambience capture the cultural balance that defines this city in flux.

La Opera Bar

For more casual dining, try this eatery in the heart of the city's center.

Dark wood paneling, red-velvet upholstered chairs and low lighting add to La Opera's nostalgic, old-school vibe. Locals enjoy long repasts at the no-frills restaurant where, famously, the Mexican Revolutionary General Pancho Villa once fired a bullet above his head and into the ceiling, in a fit of rage over a table of fellow diners he felt were behaving too rowdily. That bullet hole is still there, adding to the sense of history and intrigue in the eatery. The menu, likewise, offers more traditional Mexican fare (try the mole sauce) though more sophisticated epicurean delights share the large menu — among them a heaping dish of tiny sea snails in a savory chipotle sauce.

Restaurante Tamayo

Another restaurant on the forefront of Mexico City's culinary revolution, this small cafe-like restaurant is tucked away in the shade of twisty trees just across the fairway from the lush greenery of Chapultepec Park (one of the largest city parks in the Western Hemisphere — far more expansive than Central Park — where residents gather to escape the bustle of the city center). Inside, the menu is elegantly written in chalk on a blackboard above the restaurant's take-out bar, and simple wildflowers in mason jars adorn the tables. The locally-supplied menu changes often and offers some surprising options (a fresh caprese salad, for example) alongside more traditional Mexican standbys.

Azul Condesa

This high-energy, multi-level hot spot brings in a guest chef who spotlights recipes from a different state in Mexico each month. The guest chef's menu is offered nightly with the restaurant's regular menu (which offers ancient Mayan dishes alongside more modern Mexican cuisine), and guests won't go wrong sampling dishes from either (we recommend or-



A trio of tacos at Azul Condesa comes with tasty flourishes. / PROVIDED



PLUS



Sustainable Chef

Maximo Bistrot Local

Be prepared to wait at this bustling restaurant with an eclectic, French-leaning menu in the neighborhood of Centro. Eduardo Garcia, the young chef and owner, is a firm believer in sustainability — he employs his own divers to procure the fresh seafood on the often-changing menu and is a proponent of the farm-to-table movement that's swiftly on the rise here in the States.

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Chilaquiles are lightly-fried corn tortillas — and they're delicious. / PROVIDED

dering something from both). Here too, the mole is divine (try the smoky Oaxacan mole, over a protein of your choice) and the serv-

ers attentive and eager to explain the menu's more confusing options. Adventurous diners must try the guacamole con chapulines — fresh

guacamole served with crispy, roasted grasshoppers. Yes, grasshoppers. They're not bad — if you can get around the legs — trust us.



Roma is Mexico City's equivalent of a Brooklyn neighborhood. / PROVIDED

One more

C'est la Vie

More often than not, hotel restaurants are forgettable, if functional, providing travelers too exhausted to venture out into the city in search of more exciting cuisine with a quick and easy meal before bed. Not so

with this sleek eatery, on the ground floor of Le Meridien hotel. Decidedly modern dishes and surprising flavor profiles mark the menu — a creamy, yet surprisingly light asparagus soup poured table-side from a ceramic carafe and a succulent duck breast

cooked to perfection with glistening crispy skin are two standouts. It gets bonus points for an extensive wine list along with a variety of traditional Mexican beer options.



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The perfect, simple outfit to cleanse your palate before autumn's trends roll in. **METRO WORLD NEWS**

The classic white shirt and jeans combination is an under-appreciated thing. Too often it gets bogged down with hyper-personalization: a wacky jacket here, piles of quirky necklace layering there. It's that rare, perfect outfit in which

a set of fashion staples converge in a can't-screw-it-up formula. But sometimes, the best way to pull this off is by not tampering with it too much. Charlie Collins, whom we spotted in London, looks flawless in an unaffected kind of way because she

didn't go overboard with the styling. The simplicity makes this look a nice breather of a palate cleanser before preparing to unpack all of the heady intensity (bell-shaped skirts the size of small cities, anyone?) that will be autumn's trends.



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Fragrance. 3 scents to keep summer going a little bit longer



Chanel's Les Exclusifs Eau de Cologne

blends sharp citrus fruits and neroli for a fresh, elegant scent that includes just the right amount of floral notes without being overpowering. This is what we imagine chic Parisian ladies shopping Saint-Honoré must smell like.



Fresh Life

Fresh co-founder Lev Glazman was inspired by the vacations he and wife/co-founder Alina Roytberg take by a lake in Vermont. Their new blend includes notes of earth (bergamot, vanilla grass and cypress), air (grapefruit, lilac leaves and magnolia), sun (amber, orange and tonka flowers) and water (sweet cucumber and moss). Peace and quiet not included.



Marc Jacobs Honey

If it's not the sunny-yellow, polka-dot-and-bee-adorned bottle of the new **Marc Jacobs Honey** that puts a smile on your face, it's the happy scent. Pear and mandarin mingle with orange blossom, peach, vanilla and, of course, honey, to create a bright floral scent that pairs perfectly with popsicles and rooftop parties. **TINA CHADHA**

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Families can compost together at the Manhattan Y

Recycling. Next time you make dinner, have the kids help reuse their food scraps.

Is it possible to get busy New York families to add dropping off food waste to their to-do lists?

The 14th Street Y community center thinks so.

Its composting program allows New Yorkers to compost their food scraps from home and dispose them at the Y for free.

"One of the things that we know about our members is life is so incredibly busy," says Camille Diamond, the Y's director of community engagement and communications. "So we knew that if we were going to have people compost, we were going to have to use it from the lens that this will be easy for you, not preaching

Benefits

Why compost?

Diamond says there are two major benefits. The most important is that composting completes the food cycle and adds nutrients back into the soil. The other is that it reduces the amount of waste being put into landfills. "The fact that we are growing so much food and it is not going back right into the earth means that we are depleting the nutrients out of our soil," Diamond says. "Waste can be used as fertilizer or converted to energy at a much lower price."



New Yorkers can drop off compost for free at the 14th Street Y. / PROVIDED

What can you compost?

- Food scraps
- Bread, grains and pasta
- Coffee grounds with paper filter
- Cheese and all dairy
- Eggshells and eggs
- Fruit (pits, seeds and shells)
- Meat (including bones)
- Seafood (including shellfish)
- Vegetables and peels
- Nuts and nutshells

[like] 'you should do this.'

Composting is free to Y members and patrons, and drop off is available seven days a week during Y's open hours.

Getting families involved is a big priority. This year, the Y brought composting to a summer camp: the New Country Day Camp in Staten Island. Kids compost their lunches and snacks by tossing food waste into a bin. The campers have composted 650 pounds this summer, according to Diamond.

They also incorporated composting activities into preschool and after-

school programs, as well as camps.

Parents and children can bring compost to the Y, where they can weigh it and text the word "Drop," plus the number of pounds that they are composting.

Every drop-off automatically enters people into a raffle, and a winner gets a prize every month.

Eventually, the compost is hauled to a composting plant in Delaware, which processes all the food waste.

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Horoscope

♌ Leo | July 23-Aug. 22.

Get out and mingle, and you'll make some interesting contacts. Talks will lead to a new way to utilize your skills.

♍ Virgo | Aug. 23-Sept. 22.

A partnership's success will be proportional to what you put into it. Your unique contribution will bring you recognition.

♎ Libra | Sept. 23-Oct. 22.

Don't pay much attention to what others do or say — trust your own instincts. Taking time to observe how things unfold will be to your benefit.

♏ Scorpio | Oct. 23-Nov. 21.

Opening your mind to a variety of interesting concepts will result in positive changes.

♐ Sagittarius | Nov. 22-Dec. 21.

Travel plans will brighten your day. A personal proposal will lead to a change of plans. Prepare to make a sudden move.

♑ Capricorn | Dec. 22-Jan. 20.

Consider an alliance that will help stabilize your position or bolster your reputation. What's offered can be beneficial if it's tailored to your skills.

♒ Aquarius | Jan. 21-Feb. 18.

You'll face emotional deception when dealing with relationships. Ask questions if you feel you aren't getting the truth.

♓ Pisces | Feb. 19-March 20.

If you have something to offer, now's the time to pitch it. Your innovative mind will dazzle those you encounter.

♈ Aries | March 21-April 20.

Your indecisiveness may upset someone, but it will help you come to a conclusion that works in the end. Weigh all the pros and cons.

♉ Taurus | April 21-May 21.

Your generosity will be taken advantage of. Step back and look at what's required, then offer no more than necessary.

♊ Gemini | May 22-June 20.

Home is where the heart is, and it should be your main concern. Fixing up your place will bring some much-deserved harmony.

♋ Cancer | June 21-July 22.

Follow your plans through with a disciplined attitude. Cut back where you can and be moderate in all that you do. Focus on positive change. **BERNICE BEDE OSOL**

Letters

More to this story

Re: 'A-pluses for all? Grade inflation myths busted' (Metro, Aug. 19)

Wow, great article about an important topic that is adversely affecting us all, yet manages to say nothing meaningful. Excellent corporate media there, people.

WILLIAM GORE, VIA EMAIL

Waste not, want not

Re: 'Calif. needs to reconsider its electric avenues' (Metro, Aug. 15-18)

Letter writer Sean O'Rourke's argument that radios and computers require AC is specious; I don't know about him, but between my computer

and the wall socket is an AC-to-DC converter. He quibbles about inefficiencies in AC-to-DC conversion while blithely ignoring the waste and inefficiency in mining coal/pumping oil, transporting it, burning it to make steam and using the steam to turn a turbine in order to generate electricity. When you add up all the waste inherent in this process, solar and wind generation doesn't look so bad. If Nikola Tesla, George Eastman and Thomas Edison adopted the attitude that "if it's not perfect, we shouldn't do it," I'd be reading your rag by a whale-oil lamp.

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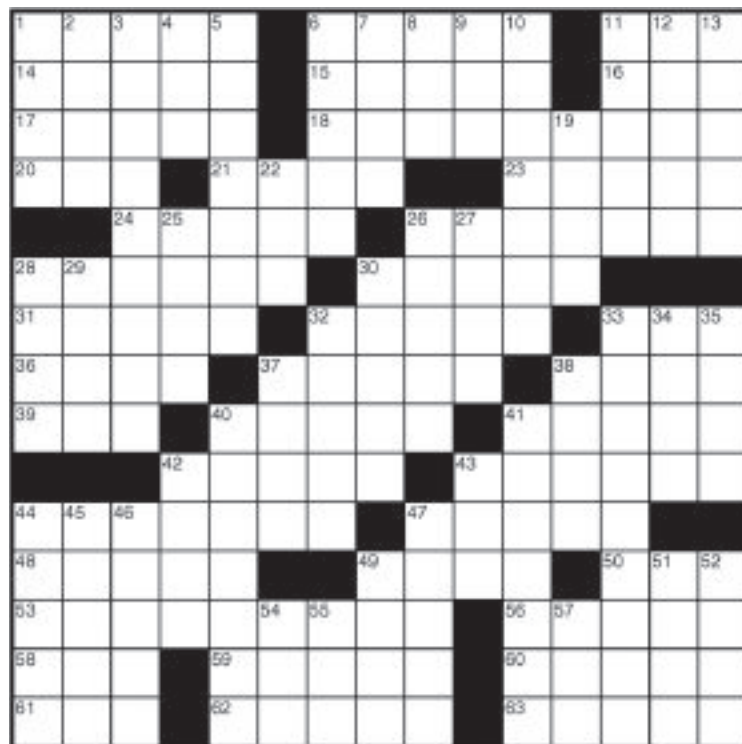
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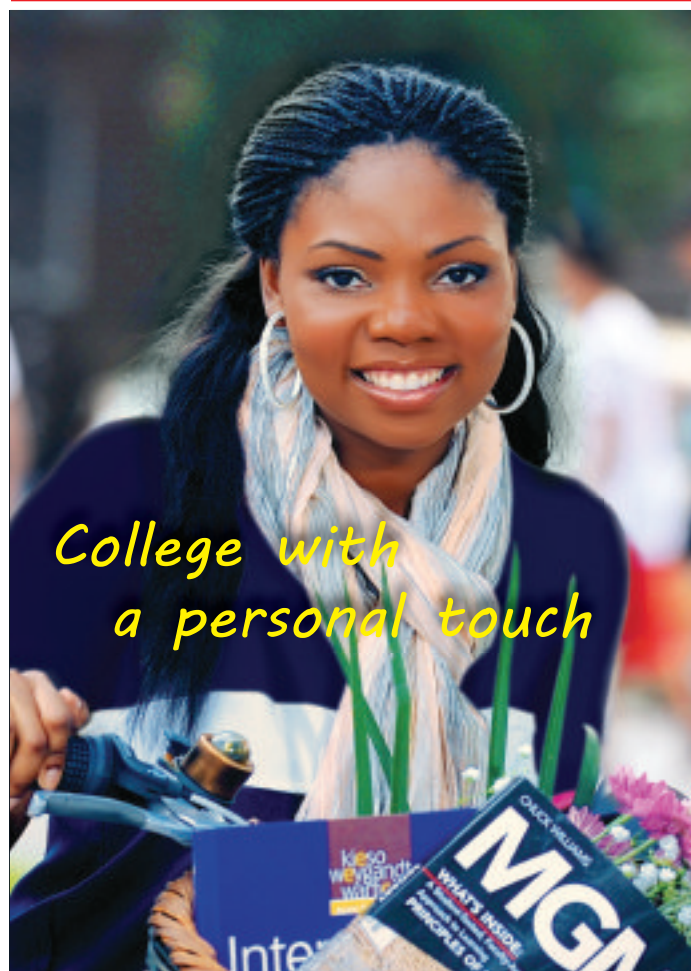
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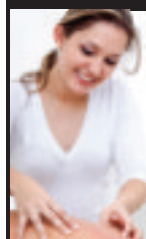
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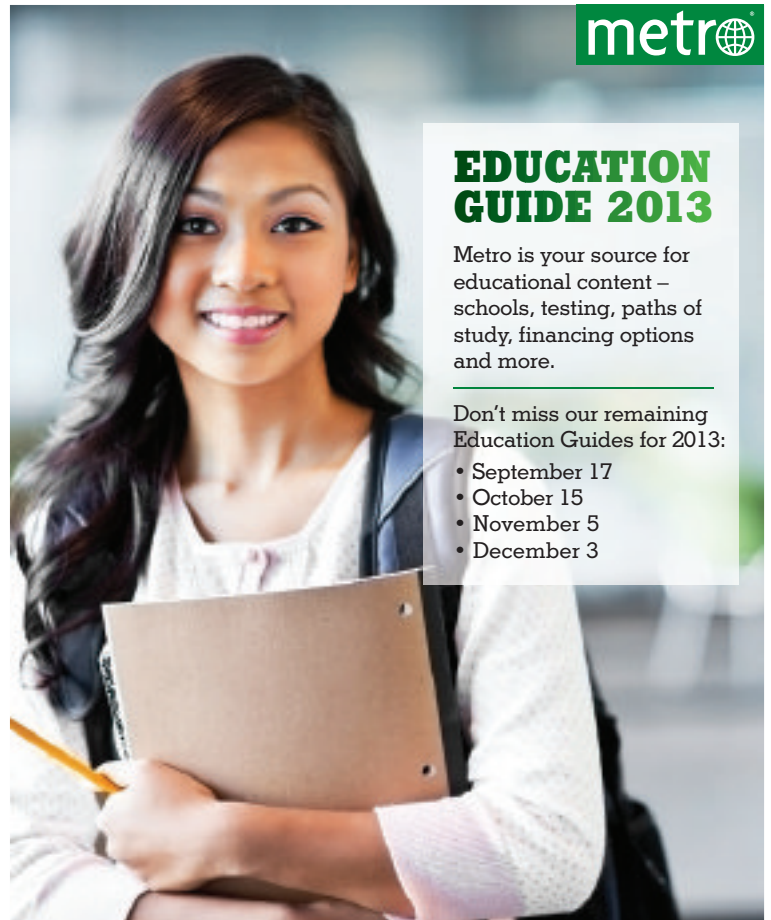
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SPORTS

More drama

A-Rod planning lawsuit

Alex Rodriguez is looking to sue Yankees team doctor Chris Ahmad for malpractice, according to ESPN. Reportedly, Rodriguez and his lawyers believe Ahmad misdiagnosed his hip injury during last year's playoffs. Rodriguez struggled badly, was benched by manager Joe Girardi and eventually underwent hip surgery in January.



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Tom Coughlin was not happy with Eli Manning and the offense's 0-for-4 performance in the "green zone." / GETTY IMAGES

Coughlin calls out Giants' effort

NFL. The head coach was not happy with his team's performance against the Colts.

Giants head coach Tom Coughlin may have sounded slightly pleased with the team's opening pre-season win last week, but following Sunday night's sloppy 20-12 loss to the Colts, the coach was back to his pointed ways.

Coughlin said he reviewed the game film almost immediately after and was troubled by the amount of errors his team committed on both sides of the ball.

"I made an incredible number of notes on the side, and not taking anything away from the Colts, but this game was a lot about what we didn't do, [and] what we weren't able to accomplish," said Coughlin. "The main stat in terms of sacks, [is that] they sacked us six times, [and] we only got them

Quoted

"We'll see where he stands with that as the days go by. We'll take that one as it comes."

Tom Coughlin, on the status of Victor Cruz, who injured his heel Sunday

once. The one key thing for me was the 10 penalties, which were totally the opposite of what the circumstance was the week before."

Coughlin was very critical of the offensive line.

"We had some issues, no doubt. And some of the opportunities that some

of the younger kids got to play caused some issues as well," he said. "But we'd like it all to come together, obviously, and that's not the case right now. They have work to do."

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Holmes worked out with Geno Smith prior to the game against Jacksonville. / GETTY IMAGES

NFL. Holmes showing improvement in return from injury

Jets wide receiver Santonio Holmes is very quietly making progress from last year's season-ending Lisfranc injury and the subsequent setbacks.

Holmes did not practice yesterday as the team returned to New Jersey for training camp, but did run routes on the field prior to

Saturday's preseason win.

"I never saw him but it's no surprise to me. He's been working his tail off," head coach Rex Ryan said. "When our trainers and our doctors feel that he should be cleared to play, he certainly will be. I will be looking forward to it."

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Quick stop

Mets beat Twins in make-up

The Mets picked up a tidy, 6-1 win in Minnesota yesterday afternoon on their way back from a West Coast swing.

Dillon Gee allowed one unearned run and struck out nine batters in 7 2/3 innings while the offensive jumped on Twins starter Kyle Gibson for 10 hits and four runs in just 3 2/3 innings.

Seven different Mets hitters had two hits, including Marlon Byrd, who hit his 20th homer in the ninth.

The game was originally postponed due to a snowstorm on April 14. **METRO**

Giant break

Miller likely to be suspended six games

Broncos All Pro linebacker Von Miller is likely to miss the first six games of the season due to failing the league's policy on drug abuse, according to ESPN.

Miller was reportedly trying to negotiate a four-game ban, but that now appears unlikely. Miller was third in the NFL with 18 1/2 sacks last season.

The Broncos play the Giants in Week 2, and the absence of Miller would be a nice break for Eli Manning. **METRO**

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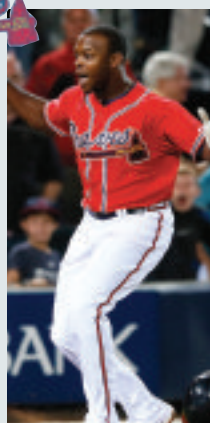
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MLB power rankings | by Ryan Hannable

No. 1

Braves
(76-48)

The Braves continued their impressive play of late and even extended their lead for the best record in baseball. Atlanta went 4-2 this past week and has now won 19 of its last 22 games. In 16 of their last 18 games, the Braves held opponents to four runs or less and currently have the second-best run differential in the NL.



No. 4

Red Sox
(73-53)

With the Yankees taking two of three from Boston over the weekend, the Sox have now lost four of their last five games.



No. 5

Pirates
(72-51)

By losing seven of its last 10, Pittsburgh's lead in the NL Central was cut to one game. Scoring runs has been the issue.



No. 7

Cardinals
(71-52)

The Cardinals took two of three from the Cubs this past weekend. They host the Braves next weekend.



No. 8

Reds
(70-54)

After falling well back of the Pirates and Cardinals in the NL Central, the Reds have quickly gotten right back in the race.



No. 10

Rays
(70-52)

The Rays aren't playing as good as they were a few weeks ago, but they are just a game behind the Sox in the AL East.



No. 11

Orioles
(67-56)

Baltimore's offense will be the key moving forward. In its last seven wins, Baltimore has scored seven-plus runs five times.



No. 13

D'backs
(64-58)

The Diamondbacks still trail the Dodgers by 7 1/2 games and begin a seven-day East Coast trip, taking on the Reds and Phillies.



No. 14

Yankees
(64-59)

The Yankees' offense has turned things around after being second to last in the AL in runs per game just a few weeks ago.



No. 2

Dodgers
(72-51)

Los Angeles finally lost a game after winning 10 straight, but is still easily MLB's hottest team since late June.



No. 3

Tigers
(73-51)

All of a sudden, Detroit has opened a seven-game lead in the AL Central. The Tigers have the best run differential in baseball.



No. 6

Rangers
(71-53)

It's a good thing Texas has won seven of its last 10, as the Athletics are surging and now just half a game back.



No. 9

Athletics
(70-53)

There are no doubts about the Athletics' pitching. It's their bats that will be the difference. They rank 12th in the AL in hitting.



No. 12

Indians
(66-58)

The Indians are starting to run out of time in the AL Central, as they are now seven games behind Detroit.



No. 15

Royals
(64-59)

After looking like they may be primed for a playoff push, the Royals have taken a step back, losing five of seven.



Who's bluffing?

MLB: Lawyer can talk A-Rod appeal details

MLB threw down the gauntlet on Alex Rodriguez's brash new lawyer, Joe Tacopina, on "Today" yesterday.

MLB Executive

Vice President Robert Manfred sent NBC a waiver letter, allowing Tacopina to speak on the details of Rodriguez's appeal for his failure of the league's drug agreement.

Tacopina had said over the weekend he would happily divulge

details of Rodriguez's claims, but he was prohibited by the CBA.

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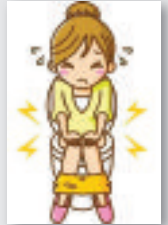
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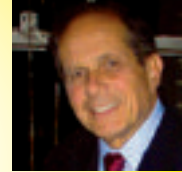
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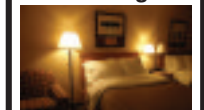
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